

# GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



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**FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...**The New Hampshire State Library is blessed with an outstanding staff; perhaps none exemplifies this more than the Head of Technical Services, Eleanor O'Donnell. A native of Scotland, Eleanor has spent more than 37 years at the State Library providing leadership and direction. After so many years of outstanding service, Eleanor is retiring to enjoy time with her husband and do the other things she enjoys when she is not working at the State Library.

Eleanor's knowledge of cataloging gained the best way possible; through years of application have helped make the New Hampshire State Library's catalog a model for other libraries. Eleanor's knowledge of the collection has also been a tremendous help to librarians and patrons as she is able to recall obscure materials and find them to help with reference questions. Eleanor is noted for her column on New Hampshire books. Librarians in New Hampshire wait for the next issue of *Granite State Libraries* to read about books that have a connection to New Hampshire. Eleanor's column is an essential collection development tool for all New Hampshire librarians.

Eleanor is also known for her love of poetry, she has, in fact, become the Poet Laureate of the New Hampshire State Library. When the library has a special occasion to recognize, such as a retirement or a special honor that has been received, Eleanor is called upon to write a poem to commemorate the occasion. Two years ago I was called upon to write a poem for Eleanor when she celebrated 35 years at the State Library,

Today we honor a lady from Bow  
Who is friendly outgoing and easy to know  
She tolls in the basement of our Park Street location  
With determination, dedication, and innovation  
For thirty-five years she has been here to help  
Put things in order and on the right shelf  
For Thirty-five years she has applied all the rules  
To make sure our catalog was the finest of tools  
Thank you Eleanor for all that you have done  
You make working at NHSL a whole lot of fun

I call this poem *Thirty-five Years of Outstanding Service and Ode to Eleanor O'Donnell*.

It has been my honor to work with Eleanor for just a small part of her thirty-seven years at the State Library. However, in that period I have learned a great deal from her, not about cataloging, but about what it takes to be a good manager, good to the people you supervise, and what it means to be a professional and why good customer service is essential. Eleanor, through her example, has shown me what is important. The State Library will certainly miss Eleanor and I will personally miss her. I hope we can get her to continue to write about New Hampshire books.

-Michael York, State Librarian

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## **CENTER FOR THE BOOK**

by Mary Russell, NHAIS Services  
Director, New Hampshire Center for the Book

We are now into our third year here at the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library and so far it has been a busy year. The Center's advisory board - the full list of these hard-working book-lovers is on our web site (<http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/about/index.html>) - decided at the 2004 annual meeting that the Center should move forward with two projects designed to let more people know that we're here and what we're doing.

The first of these is the launch of a semi-annual newsletter, *Book Notes*. This newsletter includes information about what the New Hampshire Center for the Book is up to as well as articles that will be of interest to Granite State readers. The first issue was sent out to libraries, bookstores, colleges, and individuals whom we thought might be interested in learning about, and perhaps joining, the NH Center for the Book.

That brings me to our second project - we have developed a membership program to help us connect with the readers in our state and to provide the Center with additional financial resources so we can continue to develop programs that celebrate and promote reading, books, literacy, and the literary heritage of New Hampshire and which highlight the role that reading and libraries play in enriching the lives of the people of the Granite State. In other words, programs that fulfill our mission. Annual membership levels range from supporters at \$5.00 - \$24.00 all the way up to benefactors at \$1,000 or more. *Books Notes* will be sent twice a year to all members of the Center to keep them informed of our programs and projects. If you are interested in contributing to the future of the New Hampshire Center for the book by becoming a founding member, please visit our web site at [www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter](http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter) and click on the "Join the Center" link to access the membership form.

One of the features in *Book Notes* has also been added to our website - *Granite State Readers Recommend*. One of the goals of the Center's current three-year plan is to "explore ways to foster dialog about books among New Hampshire readers." I think this program is a step in that direction. We contacted various readers around the state and asked them to recommend books they have enjoyed. Some of the recommendations were included in the first issue of *Book Notes*, but space constraints prevented us from including them all, so we added a section to our website to share all the great books that Granite State readers recommended. Next time you are looking for a good book to read, check out the recommendations. I also encourage you to tell us about any books that you have read lately and would like to recommend to others - a link on the website makes it easy to do.

Of course, in addition to these new projects we are also working on the programs and activities we began in the first two years of the Center. The list of titles nominated for the 2005 Ladybug Picture Book Award was released in February, the New Hampshire semi-finalists in the 2005 Letters About Literature writing competition were announced in March, and the Dublin Committee is busy reading books in preparation for making a nomination later in the spring. Details on all of these programs are on the website. Yes, it has been a busy few months, but as the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library continues to grow I hope we will get even busier.

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**DEADLINE FOR FY 2005/2006  
MOOSEPLATE CONSERVATION GRANT APPLICATIONS  
MAY 2, 2005**

by Janet Eklund, Administrator of Library Operations  
N.H. State Library

Don't forget about the current round of "Mooseplate" Conservation Grants for FY 2005/2006. Complete guidelines and downloadable application forms are on the web at [www.nh.gov/nhsl/moose.html](http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/moose.html). Application deadline for this round is May 2, 2005.

New Hampshire public libraries, all state and local municipal agencies, historical societies, and institutions within the University System of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Community Technical Colleges are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 for conservation of paper documents and artifacts of cultural importance to New Hampshire. Conservation projects can encompass a number of activities, including but not limited to preservation microfilming, consultant services for preservation assessments, processing of archives and manuscripts, creation of finding aids and custom conservation treatments. Digitization projects are ineligible.

For more information about the Mooseplate Conservation Program or to inquire about project or applicant eligibility, contact Janet Eklund at (603) 271-2393 or [jeklund@library.state.nh.us](mailto:jeklund@library.state.nh.us).

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIANS' DAY, WASHINGTON DC**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2005**

The N.H. State Library, in cooperation with the office of Congressman Charles Bass, is pleased to present an extraordinary opportunity for New Hampshire public, school and academic librarians, trustees, and/or staff.

Be among New Hampshire librarians to travel to Washington, DC on Thursday, September 15, 2005 to visit the Indian Museum and a "behind the scenes" at the Library of Congress, and don't forget our luncheon with Rep. Bass.

After arriving at BWI we will ride the bus to the MARC train station (about \$12.00 round trip) and arrive at Union Station in the heart of downtown Washington about 8:45 a.m., then it's a short walk up to the Capitol Building, where we will have a meet and greet with Rep. Bass and have



*Photo courtesy of Susan McCann, Portsmouth Public Library, Sept. 2004*

our pictures taken.

As always ~ We will be traveling on Southwest Airlines, with an early morning flight, leaving Manchester Airport at approximately 6:30 a.m. and scheduled to arrive at Baltimore-BWI about 7:50 a.m. **(this is a tentative schedule, based on past programming).** By signing up now you are not committed to participate, only after tickets have been purchased on a group rate.

I will be calling Southwest the first week in June to reserve **group rate** seating, and will be able to let you know the price of the tickets at the time. Including airfare and trainfare, we suggest individuals budget a minimum of funds to cover any unforeseen expenses, souvenir shopping and/or food expenses.

For those who have never gone with us before, it is a very exciting and fun filled one-day experience, if you have any questions, please e-mail me ([darlene@library.state.nh.us](mailto:darlene@library.state.nh.us)) with your questions or concerns.

THERE IS A LOT OF WALKING ONCE WE GET TO WASHINGTON, BE SURE TO WEAR A COMFORTABLE PAIR OF WALKING SHOES, I RECOMMEND SNEAKERS, OR SOMETHING THAT WILL GIVE YOU GOOD SUPPORT.

If you wish to take advantage of this unique educational and collegial experience, please e-mail me with your name, phone number, library, and e-mail (for those school and academic librarians who would like to travel to DC, be sure you send me a summertime e-mail, in case you don't check your work e-mail during your time off), and I'll put your name on my list.

## **KIDS, BOOKS AND THE ARTS GRANT APPLICATIONS**

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Consultant  
N.H. State Library

Is your library participating in the New Hampshire Summer Reading Program's "Camp Wannaread"? If so, you are eligible to apply for a Kids, Books and the Arts grant. The grant helps to fund a performance by an artist on the Kids, Books and the Arts Roster. Featured at the CHILIS Spring Conference's Showcase, all of the performers on the Roster have prepared programs that relate to the "Camp Wannaread" theme. Libraries are asked to contribute \$50, \$75, or \$100 toward the artist's fees, depending on the library's per capita income. All libraries receive grant applications via van or mail; applications can also be found online at <http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/KBA05librarygrantappl.doc>. The deadline for grant applications is Friday, April 29, 2005. For more information, please contact Ann Hoey at 271-2865 or [ahoey@library.state.nh.us](mailto:ahoey@library.state.nh.us).

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### **NH TEEN BOOK AWARD**

A committee of public and school libraries has been working since fall of 2004 to make a N.H. Teen Book Award a reality. Teens in grades 9-12 nominated more than 120 titles; all nonfiction and fiction titles of interest to teens and published in the last three years were eligible for consideration. The committee will review nominations and come up with a list of 13 titles, which will then be voted on by teens in the spring of 2006. The "list of 13" should be available for distribution at the New Hampshire Libraries Conference in May.

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### **EVERY CHILD READY TO READ @ YOUR LIBRARY**

The State Library now has two *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* kits to lend to New Hampshire libraries and other community agencies. Developed by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children, *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* provides public libraries with tools to reach out to parents and caregivers and to help them in their critical roles as their children's first teachers. The kits contain everything necessary to conduct three workshops and to disseminate early literacy information to parents and caregivers of children from birth to age five. Research-based and library-tested, *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library* positions the library as a critical community partner in the early literacy movement. For more information, please contact Ann Hoey at 271-2865 or [ahoey@library.state.nh.us](mailto:ahoey@library.state.nh.us).

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### **CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW**

Come to a Children's Book Review at the Jaffrey Public Library and preview new picture books as well as children's and YA fiction and nonfiction. The Book Review will be held the following dates and times: Thursday, April 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, April 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Monday, April 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Jaffrey Public Library is located at 38 Main Street, Jaffrey.

If you have questions, please contact Ann Hoey at (603) 271-2865 or e-mail at [ahoey@library.state.nh.us](mailto:ahoey@library.state.nh.us).



**MANUSCRIPT ACTS OF THE GENERAL COURT, 1865-1868**  
**CONSERVED WITH STATE LIBRARY MOOSEPLATE CONSERVATION GRANT**  
**MAY 2, 2005**

by Janet Eklund, Administrator of Library Operations  
N.H. State Library

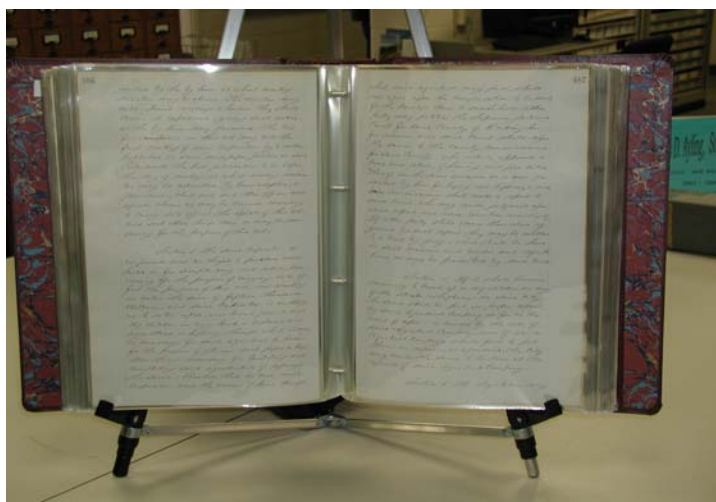
The N.H. Division of Archives & Records Management received a FY 2004/2005 Mooseplate Conservation Grant award of \$6,304 from the New Hampshire State Library to treat and rebind four volumes of manuscript acts of the general court for the years 1865-1868. The manuscripts are the "record copy" of the acts of the General Court owing to the non-existence of the original drafts of bills for these years. The only other version of these laws is in the printed volumes that were derived from the originals at the time of passage.

These volumes had been heavily used for research into state expenditures and activities relating to the Civil War during the years immediately following that conflict. Researchers often printed copies from microfilm, but still needed to see and to copy the originals. Although the paper of the pages remained remarkably stable with impeccable penmanship, the volumes themselves had been rebound a number of times resulting in holes and tears where the stitching had occurred.

Grant funds enabled cleaning, deacidification, encapsulating and post binding for the four volumes. The conserved volumes containing the record of our societal laws are housed in the atmospherically controlled vault at the New Hampshire State Archives, 71 South Fruit Street, Concord.



*State Archivist, Frank Mevers and State Library Administrator, Janet Eklund view a conserved volume of manuscript acts.*



*Manuscript Acts of the General Council, 1865-1868.*

## NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOK COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell, Supervisor  
Technical Services

Basch, Marty. **TWENTY-NINE HILLS: A GREAT DIVIDE MOUNTAIN BIKE EPIC.** Top of the World Communications ([www.martybasch.com](http://www.martybasch.com)) 2005. \$14.95 ISBN 0-9646510

Mountain bikers and armchair travelers will enjoy Marty Basch's latest crosscountry mountain bike adventure on the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route (from Canada to Mexico). His traveling companion, and acclaimed chef, Jan Duprey, provides tasty campside recipes.

Carley, Rachel. **SQUAM.** Squam Lakes Association ([www.squamlakes.org](http://www.squamlakes.org)) 2004. \$65.00

Published in honor of the association's centennial, this volume chronicles the evolution of the Squam Lakes' watershed through successive eras as a Native American campsite, a colonial outpost, struggling farm district and revitalized summer resort. Illustrated with over 300 historical photographs, artists' renderings, and maps.

Dunnan, Dana. **BURNING AT THE GRASSROOTS: INSIDE THE DEAN MACHINE.** PageFree Publishing. 2004. \$19.95 ISBN 1-58961-261-2

Discusses the lessons of the Dean campaign, John Kerry's campaign, the history of the New Hampshire primary, and the failings of the Democratic primary system in 2004. Dunnan worked as a volunteer in the sea-coast office of the Howard Dean campaign.

Karabatsos, Lewis T. **RYE AND RYE BEACH.** Arcadia (Postcard history series). 2004. \$19.99 ISBN 0-7385-3622-9

Working with the Rye Historical Society, the author, an avid collector of Rye postcards, has compiled this pictorial history of Rye and Rye Beach, looking back at the town's prominent position as a leading seacoast community.

Knoblock, Glen A. and James T. Gunter. **BREWING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Arcadia (*Images of America* series). 2004. \$19.99 ISBN 0-7385-3697-0

This book follows the Granite State's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days to the present. The most famous brewer, Frank Jones, and the only brewery owned and operated by a woman are profiled. Old taverns, such as the General Wolfe Tavern in Rochester and the Portsmouth Bell Tavern are included in this interesting pictorial history.

Kuster, Ann McLane and Susan McLane. **THE LAST DANCE: FACING ALZHEIMER'S WITH LOVE & LAUGHTER.** Peter E. Randall. 2004. Order from author ([www.thelastdance.org](http://www.thelastdance.org)) ISBN 1-931807-29-9

During her 25 years in the New Hampshire Legislature, Susan McLane advocated for the mentally ill, for welfare mothers, for dignity in dying and many other causes close to heart. Her daughter, Ann, writes about this energetic woman, who fought to make a difference in the lives of others, and her family coping with the challenge of Alzheimer's.

Lassonde, Barbara Mills. **MAPLE SUGARING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Arcadia (*Images of America* series). 2004. \$19.99 ISBN 0-7385-3686-5

Native Americans taught the early white settlers how to make maple sugar. This photographic history depicts the process, equipment, structures and social aspects of maple sugaring from the 1700's to the present day.

Mansfield, Howard. **THE BONES OF THE EARTH.** Shoemaker & Hoard. 2004. \$25.00  
ISBN 1-59376-040-X

Mansfield writes about landmarks, of the oldest kind, sticks and stones. He explores our allegiance to stone in the monuments of grief, and in unusual old bridges that were built without mortar. This Hancock, N.H. author makes us look with our eyes at the landscape and its changes through time.

**NIGHTS OF NORTHERN LIGHTS...40 SEASONS ON THE WEATHERVANE THEATRE.** Stinehour Press and Weathervane Theatre Alumni Association. 2005. Order from and make checks payable to the WVAA, Inc., PO Box 69, Gardiner, N.Y. 12525 (fax. (501) 634-2468) \$50.00 (\$40.00 pre-ordered by May 31, 2005), plus \$5.00 S&H.

"With over 200 pages packed with memorable production photos, funny and touching personal anecdotes, and special sections rich with costume, poster and set designs...this unique history is chronicled by the people who have lived it." This hardbound, limited edition commemorates forty seasons in the theatre located in Whitefield, N.H.

Noon, Jack. **PERRYSTOWN 1749-1784: THE EARLY HISTORY OF SUTTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Order from Sutton Historical Society, PO Box 457, South Sutton, N.H. 03273. 2005. \$12.95 postpaid.

The town of Sutton was incorporated in 1784. The previous township, Perrystown, received a charter in 1749 from the Masonian Proprietors. The history of that period is recounted in this first volume of an ongoing project by Sutton Historical Society to put more of the town's history in print.

Pickett, Gertrude M. **PORTSMOUTH'S HEYDAY IN SHIPBUILDING.** Portsmouth Marine Society, Box 147, Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-4726. 2004. \$25.00 ISBN 0-915819-34-1

Published in hardcover on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original 1979 paperback edition, this book tells the story of the shipyards that flourished in the Customs District of Portsmouth, N.H., between 1840 and 1860. It covers the history of the twenty-eight clipper ships built between 1850 and 1859, including information on their design, construction, voyages, and eventual demise of each ship.

Polidoro, J.P. **SNIFF.** Xlibris Corporation. 2004. \$21.99 ISBN 1-4134-6558-7

Jack Danton investigates the sudden death of a New York-based advertising consultant before the premiere issue of a new genetically derived fragrance for women. He knows something smells rotten and it is not the perfume. Profile author, Polidoro, lives in the Lakes Region.

Robinson, J. Dennis. **WENTWORTH-BY-THE-SEA: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A GRAND HOTEL.** Peter E. Randall. 2004. \$35.00 ISBN 1-931807-21-3

For two decades the oldest New Hampshire seaside resort hotel built in New Castle in 1874 teetered on the edge of extinction. The story of the hotel and its links to the history of the Portsmouth area and its people is told in this book, along with the ultimately successful efforts to restore the hotel to its former glory.

Smith, Steven D. **WANDERING THROUGH THE WHITE MOUNTAINS: A HIKER'S PERSPECTIVE.** Bondcliff Books, PO Box 285, Littleton, N.H. 03251. 2004. \$19.95 ISBN 0-931271-14-3

In this collection of 42 articles, covering a wide range of topics, the author shares his experiences of hiking in the White Mountains. Many of these pieces were originally published in newspaper columns or in journals.

Tardiff, Olive. **THE EXETER-SWAMSCOTT: RIVER OF MANY USES.** Published for the Rockingham Land Trust and Exeter River Local Advisory Committee by Peter E. Randall. 2004. \$15.00  
ISBN 1-931807-31-0



The author traces the role of the river in the lives of the plants, animals, and people. Revised and updated edition of a work first published in 1986.

VanderWende, Paul. **FIELD GUIDE TO TROUT PONDS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Bondcliff Books. 2004. \$16.95 ISBN 1-931271-09-7

This guide features more than 85 trout ponds. Provides detailed driving directions, information on boat launches and access, maps and information on size, water clarity and fish species found in each pond.

Wagner, David. **THE POOR HOUSE: AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN INSTITUTION**. Rowman & Littlefield. 2004. Paper \$21.95 ISBN 0-7425-2945-2  
Cloth \$60.00 ISBN 0-7425-2944-4 Save 15% online! [www.rowmanlittlefield.com](http://www.rowmanlittlefield.com)

Based on the author's study of six New England poorhouses, this book features the history of Rockingham and Carroll County poor farms and almshouses.

Whitmore, Robert W., and Robert C. Lawrence. **THE PEGMATITE MINES KNOWN AS PALERMO**. Rubellite Press ([www.rubellitepress.com](http://www.rubellitepress.com)). 2004. \$150.00 ISBN 0-9740613-4-4

Mining at the Palermo pegmatite mine in North Groton, N.H. started over 125 years old. It has become a mecca for both the scientist and mineral enthusiast because of its mineral specimens and gemstones. The history of the mine is illustrated with historical photographs. Magnificent color illustrations of each mineral have been produced by artists, Frederick C. Wilda, with great attention to detail. This book will become a collector's item.

Whynott, Douglas. **A COUNTRY PRACTICE: SCENES FROM THE VETERINARY LIFE**. North Point Press. 2004. \$24.00 ISBN 0-86547-647-0

Chuck Shaw and his associate, Roger Osinchuk, are busy veterinarians with a practice in Walpole. They work with small and large animals, and make house and farm calls. They spend many sleepless nights on the road to care for sick animals. The author provides a vivid portrait of the veterinary practitioners' never ending efforts to balance the needs of animals and owners.

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### **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR POSITION IN GREENLAND**

The Weeks Public Library, Greenland, N.H. seeks a full-time Assistant Director to join our active and innovative library. This is a new position, available as early as April 1<sup>st</sup>. Public service is job one in Greenland, and excellent public service skills are a must. Technical or adult programming skills and experience are a huge plus. We are a library that already operates widely in the community, and we wish to expand our reach. Our staff and programs are nationally known. We also have a building project underway, scheduled for 2006. Do you want to make an impact? Do you want to work in an atmosphere that is open and innovative, where flexibility and community involvement are more than just catch phrases? Consider coming to beautiful Seacoast New Hampshire.

Salary is \$36,000 per year with excellent health care (individual plan paid 100%, employee pays the difference for family plans), retirement, and paid vacations. The job is 40 hours per week and includes some evenings, as well as Saturdays on rotation. Please send résumé and cover letter by e-mail to [weekspl@comcast.net](mailto:weekspl@comcast.net) (preferred) or to: Michael Sullivan, Director, Weeks Public Library, PO Box 430, Greenland, N.H. 03840. Do no delay, we will accept résumés and begin the selection process immediately. The job is open until filled. -EOE-

## NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Bickner, Carrie. *Web design on a shoestring*. Indianapolis, Ind. : New Riders, 2004.  
ISBN 0735713286

*Complete Copyright : an everyday guide for libraries*. Chicago : American Library Association, 2004.  
ISBN 0838935435

Karsh, Ellen. *The only grant-writing book you'll every need*. Publishers Group West, 2003.  
ISBN 0786711752

Ostrowski, Carl. *Books, maps, and politics : a cultural history of the Library of Congress, 1783-1861*.  
Amherst : University of Massachusetts Press, 2004.  
ISBN 1558494332

Vaidhyanathan, Siva. *The anarchist in the library : how the clash between freedom and control is hacking the real world and crashing the system*. New York : Basic Books, 2004.  
ISBN 0465089844

Wilkinson, Frances C. *The complete guide of acquisitions management*. Westport, Conn. : Libraries Unlimited, 2003.  
ISBN 1563088924

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### REFERENCE / YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIAN

The Merrimack Public Library has a full-time opening in its active Reference Department for a Reference/Young Adult librarian. The library seeks an excited, motivated, outgoing individual to join its staff in serving this southern New Hampshire community of approximately 28,000 people.

Duties include: Planning, managing and providing all services and programs to young adults (ages 12-18); Selecting materials for the young adult collection within a budget; Assisting with selection of materials for non-fiction and reference collections; Providing reference and readers' advisory service to all ages; Assisting the public with the use of print and electronic library resources; Teaching databases, Internet classes, etc.; Overseeing and troubleshooting public PCs and their use; Promoting library use through contact with the public, local organizations, the school district, and professional library associations.

Qualifications: An ALA accredited MLS. Degree candidate considered, depending on experience; Minimum one year's experience in reference and/or young adult services; Experience in creating dynamic programs for young adults; Familiarity with current young adult literature; Strong commitment to customer service; In-depth knowledge of print and electronic reference materials; Confidence with computers and their applications; Availability to work 40 hours per week including some evenings and rotating weekends; Experience with Dynix Horizon a plus. Closing date: Friday, April 22, 2005. Starting Salary range \$31,969-\$33,924 with generous benefits package including N.H. Retirement System. Send cover letter and résumé to Janet Angus, Director, Merrimack Public Library, 470 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, N.H. 03054. Website address; [www.merrimack.lib.nh.us](http://www.merrimack.lib.nh.us).

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## **CONWAY PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCEPTS COLLECTION HONORING DONALD GRAVES**

by Margaret Marschner, Director  
Conway Public Library

Nationally known teacher-researcher and Conway-area resident Donald Graves has been honored by Heinemann, a New Hampshire publisher of teacher professional development books, with the donation to the Conway Public Library of a special collection that bears his name.

The Donald Graves Professional Development Library contains over 750 titles from Heinemann's lists and is housed in the library's recently completed addition. An opening reception for the Collection was hosted by the library on November 14, 2005.

"This is Heinemann's way of acknowledging Don's work in a permanent way, in the community where he lives," said the company's general manager, Lesa Scott. A former professor at UNH, Graves' association with Heinemann began in 1982, when his bestselling *Writing: Teachers and Kids at Work* launched a revolution in writing instruction that is still felt today. Scott summed up Graves's contribution to teaching: "His influence has been so great that we see it in generations of teachers all over the U.S. whose writing workshops are based on his research."

"It is a great resource for community teachers as well as teachers throughout the state" said Conway Public Library Director, Margaret Marschner. "All of the books have been added to the N.H. State Library online catalog and are available for interlibrary loan."

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### **REFERENCE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN** (formerly known as Information & Technology Librarian)

Salary Range: \$18.43 - \$24.89 per hour. Duties and Requirements: Professional position responsible for the management of the library's integrated library management system (SIRSI), and computer infrastructure. Works with library administrative team and the City of Lebanon Computer Services to plan for an coordinate use of technology in the library.

A candidate for this position should have a Master's Degree in Library Science with three to five years' experience in working with libraries, computers, library software applications, circulation, cataloging, acquisitions, and collection development.

Applicants may apply to and/or obtain an application from: Lebanon Public Library  
9 East Park Street  
Lebanon NH 03766  
(603) 448-2359

Applications will be accepted until position is closed.

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All employee recruitment shall be consistent with State and Federal laws

**KINGSOLVER WINNER, 2004**  
Friends of the Effingham Public Library,  
Effingham, N.H.

Friends of the Effingham Library, a band of dedicated library volunteers from a small New Hampshire community on the Maine border, is the winner of the 2004 FOLUSA/HarperCollins Publishers Award. The honor, which includes a \$10,000 prize for the purchase of books, was presented January 17, 2005 at a "Boston Tea Party" event during the ALA Midwinter meeting in Boston.

The award, donated by HarperCollins Publishers, is presented in honor of author Barbara Kingsolver and is given annually to a Friends organization supporting a library with an annual budget of less than \$1 million. The organization must also be a Friends Group member of Friends of Libraries U.S.A. The Effingham Friends were chosen from a host of applicants from throughout the country.

In this New Hampshire town, a tiny band of volunteers spent countless hours during 2003 and 2004 raising funds, bit by bit, in several innovative ways, to help increase the Effingham Public Library's hours, staff, circulation, and community profile. Prior to 2002, the library was open only four hours a week and had no catalog system or full-time librarian. Doors are now open 22 hours a week, an automated library system is being implemented and a full-time library director as well as a children's program director manage the system.

"Thanks to the generosity of HarperCollins, Kingsolver and Friends of Libraries U.S.A., Friends of Effingham Library will now be a step closer to the goal of "increasing our children's and young adult holdings, activities and patronage," said Kathryn Cauble, president of the volunteer organization.

Martin Covert, FOLUSA Board member and lead judge of the 2005 Kingsolver Award, shared a moving and inspiration account of the Friends of Effingham Public Library's efforts during the Boston Tea Party event. The crowd of nearly 200 responded with a standing ovation as representatives of the Friends accepted the award and \$10,000 check. Here are Martin Covert's remarks:

"It's possible that those of us who live in big cities and volunteer as Friends of our Libraries have become jaded.

"Perhaps that's why this year's winner of the HarperCollins Kingsolver Award is Friends of the Effingham, New Hampshire Library. They are the antithesis of jaded.

"This is a band of very few volunteers who have taken it upon themselves to support and expand a one-room library in a town of 1,000 people where 20 percent of the adult population has not attended high school.

"The illiteracy rate is high in Effingham. Many of the children are home-schooled.

"These Friends spent 2004 raising money and awareness of the need for a separate children's room in a newly expanded space.

"A year ago, their town library was open two hours a week. Now it's open 22.

"Where no librarian was previously employed, Friends of Effingham hired one, and also a children's program coordinator.

"They've ripped up carpet and painted walls, built shelves and created events that appealed to the young people in their community.

"Kids came to a Celebrate Effingham Day where they were invited to paint chairs - the chairs they now use in the new children's room.

"The group organized a Tour of Effingham Landmarks, with proceeds going to library improvements.

"They implemented a summer reading program with the theme of "Recognizing Heroes." Families came to the expanded library to recognize people who had helped bring a new found appreciation of the library and of reading.

"Big city folk are jaded and argue that the new Starbucks is too close to their Main Branch, or that Barnes & Noble won't help them fund a new boutique in a suburban branch.

"But Effingham worries about having enough room to hold enough books.

"In their entry, they submitted a photo of a young girl at a summer reading celebration at the library. She's feeding a goat with a baby bottle, and is visibly amazed at how much appreciation the little goat is showing. METAPHOR!

"We were amazed at how much appreciation the people from Effingham deserve for making sure that sense of wonder pervades their new two-room library, for showing how nourishments and amazement can come from both sides of the library bookshelves.

"Because of that, and all their hard work, time and dedication, they now have an extra \$10,000 in award money to increase the collection."

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### **ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR NEEDED**

Wiggin Memorial Library, Stratham is looking for an enthusiastic, service-oriented person to join our staff as full-time (35 hrs.) Assistant Library Director. WML was named the N.H. Library of the Year for 2004-2005 based on our exceptional service to the community, excellent relationship with other town officials and organizations, and our commitment to a welcoming and vibrant library atmosphere.

The ideal candidate will have experience in providing programming and materials for adults as well as above-average technical skills, and will share our passion for the public library's role as the heart of the community. The library is not only a fun place to work, but offers excellent benefits and the opportunity to work with creative, tight-knit staff, proactive, supportive Board of Trustees and an interested, appreciative community.

Other Job Details: New position; MLS preferred; Salary: \$36,000 (\$19.78 hourly); 100% Health paid by library for individual employee, 75% difference paid by library for family plans; Paid vacation, sick, personal time; tuition reimbursement, professional development and continuing education support; mission available at: [www.wigginml.org/mission.htm](http://www.wigginml.org/mission.htm). Position available: July 1, 2005. Please send résumé to Lesley Gaudreau, Director, Wiggin Memorial Library, 10 Bunker Hill Avenue, Stratham, NH 03885, or [Director@WigginML.org](mailto:Director@WigginML.org).



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## TOWN MEETING ROUND-UP

**Canterbury** - Budget increased from \$55,094 to \$65,864. Salaries increased for all staff members 4%. Library Director asked for an increased from \$13.00/hr. to \$15.00/hr. to be more in line with other library directors and hours were added for one of the assistants so when the new library opens, there will be 2 staff members available during the busy after school hours. The book budget line increased \$300, from \$6,883 to \$7,183. The library added a line for technical support of \$600. Part of the increase in the overall budget is for running the new library which will be about four times the size of the present one. Library staff is hoping to move into the new library mid- to late June 2005.

*-submitted by Susan LeClair, Director  
Elkins Public Library, Canterbury*

**Enfield** - To see if the town will vote: to establish a Non-Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of a Library Technology Fund; to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in this fund, and name the Library Trustees as "Agents to Expend." All passed.

*-submitted by Marjorie Carr, Director  
Enfield Public Library, Enfield*

**Epping** - Having not asked for much in the last several years, the library went all out in budget requests. The town budget passed and with it our increases. The major increases reflect the effort by the Board of Trustees to raise the salary of the Director to a competitive level, the need to perform neglected maintenance on the building and the grounds, and the reinstatement of library museum passes which had been discontinued. Personnel: up 35.46%; Maintenance & Repair: up 143.33%; Technology: up 33.33%; Media: up 27.66%; Outreach: up 400.00%; total library budget: \$114,241.14, up 34.70%.

*-submitted by Amanda Reynolds Cooper, Director  
Harvey-Mitchell Memorial Library, Epping*

**Greenland** - The voters of Greenland approved a \$35,000 warrant article to hire a full-time assistant director for the Weeks Public Library. The warrant covers eight months of salary and benefits.

*-submitted by Michael Sullivan, Director  
Weeks Public Library, Greenland*

**Hampton** - The Lane Memorial Library received a positive vote on a \$30,000 warrant article for repairs to the library, specifically to replace the entrance doors that keep breaking. This positive vote came in the face of a flier sent to most residents by a tax-payer group advocating defeat of several warrant articles, including the library's. The townspeople overwhelmingly defeated the town budget and the school budgets. The library's warrant article was one of the few positive votes.

*-submitted by Catherine Redden, Director  
Lane Memorial Library, Hampton*

**Hopkinton** - As a result of the 2005 Town Meeting, the Hopkinton Town Library will increase its hours by opening Sundays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. beginning September 11, 2005 and continuing throughout the school year. In addition, \$9,000 was added to the Library's Technology Maintenance Trust Fund and \$5,000 to the Library's Buildings & Grounds Maintenance Trust Fund, both established at the 2004 Town Meeting. Funds can be withdrawn from the maintenance trust fund during the year as needed for the stated purpose.

*-submitted by Elizabeth Levy, Director  
Hopkinton Town Library, Hopkinton*

**Hudson** - The Library Board of Trustees have been named as Agents to Expend funds from the Library Capital Reserve Fund. Any library fund surplus from the library budget (up to \$20,000) may be put into the Library Capital Reserve Fund.

*-submitted by Toni Weller, Director  
Hills Memorial Library, Hudson*

**Kingston** - The town voted to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to add to the capital reserve fund toward a new library in the future. A strategic planning committee will have it's first meeting March 28 to conduct a planning process through the next several months and produce a current plan for this fall's budgeting process. Kingston also accepted a warrant article aligning Trustee management of funds generated through copies, faxes, scanning, printing, etc. with RSA 202-A:11-a, confirming current practices through public hearing.

*-submitted by Andy Richmond, Director  
Nichols Memorial Library, Kingston*

**Lee** - At the March 9 town meeting, the citizens of the Town of Lee approved two warrant articles: To increase the size of the library board of trustees from 3 to 5, effective March 2006. Authorized the withdrawal of \$28,500 from the library's capital reserve fund for the purchase of a new circulation desk, computer carrels, carpeting and reconfiguration of work space.

*-submitted by Lisa Morin, Director  
Lee Public Library, Lee*

**Lincoln** - The public library had a capital reserve fund started in the amount of \$10,000 per year for an addition for the Lincoln Public Library.

*-submitted by Carol Riley, Director  
Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln*

**Litchfield** - Request for \$62,532 to construct a new emergency egress underdrain and a new gravity drainage system to correct drainage pattern. Passed.

*-submitted by Vicki Varick, Director  
Aaron Cutler Memorial Library, Litchfield*

**Madison** - The Madison Library had a warrant article to raise \$2,500 to develop plans for an addition to the library. It passed with little discussion and we look forward to starting the process. Wish us luck! The library hopes to raise 70% of the money for this project through donations and grants with the remaining 30% to come from the Town of Madison.

*-submitted by Mary Cronin, Director  
Madison Library, Madison*

**Milford** - The library had a warrant article to restore four hours of public service that had been cut in the default budget in 2002. It passed with strong support. A decision was made on March 15 as to which hours were added back. Currently leaning toward Thursdays from 5-8:30 p.m., a time the library has never been open. Will probably add a half hour to Saturday as well.

*-submitted by Art Bryan, Director  
Wadleigh Memorial Library, Milford*

**Moultonborough** - "To raise and appropriate \$1.5 million to renovate and modify the Moultonborough Public Library, according to the plan developed and presented to the residents and voters of the town. The sums of \$355,561 to come from the Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund and \$444,400 to come from private, corporate, and other donations and/or grant monies raised by the Library Board of Trustees. The balance of \$700,039 is to be raised by taxation." The library already had the capital reserve fund from war-

rant articles in the past few years. The library raised the \$444,400 from donors, and needed the \$700,039 to reach our goal of \$1.5 million. The new library addition will start to be built this year.

*-submitted by Nancy McCue, Director  
Moultonborough Public Library, Moultonborough*

**Peterborough** - Warrant article for \$66,000 for library repairs passed at town meeting.

*-submitted by Michael Price, Director  
Peterborough Town Library, Peterborough*

**Weare** - The library had a modest request for an additional page for four hours and an additional hour open on Saturdays. It passed. The library opened a capital reserve for computer replacements. Also passed.

*-submitted by Chris Hague, Director  
Weare Public Library, Weare*

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## STATE LIBRARY NEWS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NHAIS SERVICES

by Charles LeBlanc, Supervisor  
N.H. State Library, NHAIS Services

The State Library, as an institution suffers from the stigma of being part of State Government. When I start a talk the opening line sometimes is: "I'm from the state government and I'm here to help you." When the laughter dies down, the rest of the talk proceeds. What this bit of humor shows is the innate mistrust of citizens for their government. This mistrust does not seem to carry over to the individuals serving in state government.

I would like to praise those in NHAIS Services that keep the work flowing; David, Margaret, Trish, Michelle, and Mary. Their efforts make the statistics shown below happen. Their efforts make concrete the goals and objective of NHAIS. Librarians know that the labor done here in Concord, by these people, makes their patrons' library use more fruitful. To more broadly publicize the quantity of work done, the report given at the annual NHAIS meeting is being included in this issue.

For other facets of our service, please see the web page for NHAIS Services at <http://www.nh.gov/nhsl/network/index.html>. Let me remind you of the Help Desk number for cataloging, system usage, or product delivery issues relating to NHAIS services ~ (603) 271-2141. If you feel an e-mail message would be easier to explain something, then that address is [NetworkS@library.state.nh.us](mailto:NetworkS@library.state.nh.us).

NHAIS Services staff are willing and, I cannot say waiting since there is too much to do, but are able to take your questions and either resolve them on the spot or refer them to someone who will trace down and research a solution that works for all of the New Hampshire library community. The sooner we hear about anything that either helps you or hinders your work the sooner we will be in a position to improve on or rectify that situation. Better library services is an elusive and ever changing goal that can only be met through our mutual cooperation.

### NHAIS membership

- NHAIS membership as of February 2005 was 424 libraries;
- 215 publics;
- 136 school libraries (K-12) - 60 of these are high schools;
- 29 academic libraries;
- 44 special libraries (including government agencies).

Levels of participation among these libraries vary - 272 of them participate in NHAIS interlibrary loan. Between December 2003 & December 2004 ~ 127,947 ILL requests were made through the system & 75,118 of these were filled (nearly 60%).

Surveys were sent to the 272 ILL participants with the 2<sup>nd</sup> year reports and so far 84 (not quite one-third) have been completed and returned to us. Yellow surveys - please do them if you have not.

Many others are currently adding holdings and downloading cataloging records but do not currently have the staff, or perhaps the inclination, to lend and borrow through ILL.

Educational institutions have begun participating more actively in the past six months: Several high schools have begun adding holdings regularly as have a few colleges.

### NHU-PAC

- During 2004 there were 68,531 new OCLC bibliographic records added to the database;
- 911,802 new holdings to were added to NHU-PAC in 2004;
- As of March 9, 2005 there were 1,579,388 OCLC bibliographic records in NHU-PAC and 4,553,255 items;
- We have periodically (every couple of months or so) been removing duplicate items from the NHU-PAC, including 6,082 deleted on March 9. The newest item on a record for any one library is retained

### Reloading of complete holdings

- Since launch of the new system we have received requests from 49 libraries (or systems - like the Tech Colleges);
- We began reloading with libraries whose record source is OCLC (or NHU-PAC) because they are the cleanest match to NHU-PAC records;
- 1 library's reload is totally finished;
- Library sent us 19,710 records reflecting their current local database;
- We deleted 12,729 holdings for this library from NHU-PAC;
- 19,551 matched existing NHU-PAC record OCLC control numbers;
- 159 did not match on an existing OCLC record # and had to be manually checked; some were serial titles for which monographic records had been used in the local system, some were records with extra digits in the OCLC control number in the library's local system (ours were all cleaned up prior to the new system launch);
- 24 records generated item errors on loading and had to be followed up on;
- 9 libraries records have been loaded, but still require follow-up work;
- 1 library's load is currently in progress;
- Thus far we have reloaded 610,464 records - we have an additional 25,276 that we have received but not yet completed loading;
- The reload request forms received but not yet begun reflect another 2 million + records to load.



### Original Cataloging Pilot Project

- Since June 2004 we have been working on a pilot project for creating original cataloging records for materials that couldn't be matched on OCLC when they were requested;
- 33 libraries participated in the pilot project and 166 eligible titles were identified for the project (70% books, 10% videos (VHS & DVD), 20% sound recordings);
- New OCLC records were created for 89 of the titles (54%);
- OCLC records were located for 56 (34%) of the titles;
- 21 (13%) of the identified titles could not be processed - library couldn't send them because they were in use, or no longer owned them, or the items did not include adequate info to catalog from.

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### **WEBJUNCTION NEW HAMPSHIRE: COMING SOON TO A COMPUTER NEAR YOU!**

by Thomas Ladd  
Library Education Coordinator  
NH State Library, North Country Office, Lancaster

"WebJunction New Hampshire" will shortly be the newest web service from the N.H. State Library for New Hampshire libraries.

The national online community for libraries, WebJunction (<http://webjunction.org>) is where library staff meet to share ideas, solve problems, take online courses - and have fun. Funded for the first three years by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, WebJunction is now expanding to include state affiliates funded through state library agencies.

The N.H. State Library is excited to be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> group of states to set up their own affiliate site - WebJunction New Hampshire - which should debut on the web by early summer 2005.

WebJunction New Hampshire will be a mix of the great opportunities available nationally and locally developed and delivered resources such as:

- Continuing Education Opportunities and Online tutorials;
- National and New Hampshire-specific discussion forums;
- Resources to help get the job done, e.g.,
  - Technology planning
  - Policy development
  - Buying hardware and software
  - Marketing the library
- Training materials
- Local and national library statistics

If you haven't explored the current WebJunction Global, try it now. Registration is free (and does not result in a lot of junk e-mail). You can participate in national discussions and sample much of the content for free. Some courses and tutorials have a fee now, so wait until our New Hampshire affiliate is up, and we will have many of them for free!

## **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION RESOURCES**

by Diana Degen, Librarian  
Electronic & Government Information Services

**Spring 2005 Workshops** - The workshops being offered at the N.H. State Library this spring include:

- Genealogy:     Ancestry Library Edition  
                  HeritageQuest Online
- Health:           Consumer Health: Complementary & Alternative Medicine  
                  Consumer Health Information on the Internet  
                  From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information  
                  PubMed for Public Libraries
- Government:     Making Sense of the Census  
                  NH.gov: State Government Online
- Education:       Homework Survival Skills for School and Public Libraries
- Internet:         More Than Goggle: Power Searching the World Wide Web
- NHewLINK Databases:  
                  Searching EBSCOhost  
                  EBSCOhost Administration
- Reference:       Humanities Online  
                  Ready Reference on the Run

The Course Catalog is online at [www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/course.html](http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/course.html) and you can register online at [www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/regform.html](http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/regform.html).

**Gates Technology Workshops**: The Gates Workshops being held at various locations across the State include:

- Your PC Inside and Out
- Connecting PC's: Intro to Networking

You can register online at [www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/gates/gatesregform.html](http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/training/gates/gatesregform.html).

**NHewLINK Databases**: Through the NHewLINK Project the State Library is able to provide access to a variety of databases for public libraries and public schools in New Hampshire. These databases include coverage of New Hampshire newspapers, general periodicals, health, business, genealogy and fiction. We hope that you and your patrons are finding these resources helpful. Listed below is a review of the databases included in NEewLINK, as well as access (in-library, home) information and the audience for each.

<u><b>Database</b></u>	<u><b>Audience</b></u>	<u><b>Access</b></u>
Ebsco Research Databases	Public Libraries and Public Schools	In Library and Home
Novelist and Novelist	Public Libraries and Public Schools	In Library and Home
NewsBank: Union Leader and NH Sunday News	Public Libraries and Public Schools	In Library and Home
HeritageQuest Online	Public Libraries	In Library and Home
Ancestry Library Edition	Public Libraries	IN LIBRARY ONLY
WorldCat	Public Library and Public High School Library Staff	IN LIBRARY ONLY

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## **REFERENCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES**

by Donna Gilbreth, Supervisor  
Reference & Information Services

The N.H. State Library Collection Development Committee is excited to be able to purchase the recently published *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*. This sixty volume set (60,000 pages) has been in production for over twelve years. The Dictionary includes over 50,000 biographies of men and women who shaped Great Britain's history, from the fourth century BC to the year 2001. The new edition is a revision and expansion of the classic *Dictionary of National Biography*, published between 1885 and 1901. The original DNB published various supplements through the years. The State Library owns the original set, plus supplements updating biographies through 1970. The new edition revised or rewrote the original 38,607 biographical entries plus added over 16,000 new entries. The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* has recently been awarded the 2005 Dartmouth Medal, an American Library Association recognition for reference works of outstanding quality and significance. The staff of the N.H. State Library is looking forward to adding this essential reference work to their Reference collection.

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## **THE TALKING BOOK PROGRAM**

by John Barrett, Supervisor  
Talking Books Section

The Talking Book Program provides reading materials in special formats to any resident of New Hampshire who is unable to read standard print due to permanent or temporary visual or physical qualifying disabilities. The Talking Book Program is part of the national network of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress. Funding is provided by the Federal Government, State of New Hampshire, gifts and donations.

Talking Book Program patrons have access to fiction and nonfiction materials on a broad range of topics for all ages. The Talking Book Library includes books and magazines recorded on cassette, Print/Braille children's picture books, descriptive narrated videos, bi-monthly and annual catalogs and special equipment needed by our patrons to listen to our books and magazines.

We offer interlibrary loan and referral service to materials not available in our collection. The Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, MA provides most of our patron requests for books and magazines in Braille. We make recreational reading titles from our collection of Large print books available through local public libraries. There are some sixty-three registered patrons in the Talking Book Program age 12 or younger. This year efforts are underway to invite our youngest patrons to participate in the 2005 NHLA/CHILIS Summer Reading program, "Camp Wannaread." There is also discussion with staff at Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the N.H. Department of Education's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to create discussion groups around the state.

To quote from a letter composed by one of our patrons and sent to Governor John Lynch, "They [Talking Book Staff] are efficient, friendly and always willing to go the extra mile." The Talking Book Staff is dedicated to providing excellent customer-oriented service. We continually strive to maintain high standards, to manage our resources wisely, and to earn the public's trust.

Betty Clark and Brenda Corey ~ perform various duties to assist our library patrons with reading and visual disabilities. Between them they review and process patron applications, initiate contact with new patrons to explain policies and procedures, perform readers advisory, assist in the explanation and operation of library equipment, and review patron book shipments.

Jody Matisko ~ facilitates the delivery of library materials to our patrons by ensuring the maintenance of proper standards for the books recorded on cassette. Hundreds of records books (RC's) are shipped and received every weekday. Items are sent as "FREE MATTER" through the U.S. Postal Service. Jody inspects and evaluates the condition of RC's loaned to our readers, discards damaged audio books and deletes them from inventory, handles warranty claims, maintains the proper shelving of audio books, and oversees daily mail card production. She also trains volunteers to operate rewind machines.

Pam Ober ~ performs a variety of duties that include development of the Large Print book collection, cataloging, readers advisory, selecting large print materials for circulation at public libraries throughout the state and arranging service schedules to maintain a steady level of resources at those libraries. Pam coordinates the machine-lending activities; prepares work for the Telephone Pioneers, inspects special cassette players used by our patrons for damage, orders and tracks needed parts and accessories, and reviews equipment repairs. She instructs patrons in the use of playing equipment in person and by telephone. Pam also prepares and delivers presentations before various groups to explain our service and promote additional registrations.

Volunteer groups ~ provide an invaluable service for the Talking Book Program. They include The New Hampshire Telephone Pioneers who clean and repair cassette tape machines; the Work Opportunities Unlimited nonprofit agency that provides work opportunities for persons with disabilities; and students with disabilities from Concord High School.

The Talking Book Program is currently participating in a two-year multi-state pilot project called *Unabridged*. Among the participating states, a total of 145 library cards were issued in the first two months of operation. 273 items were checked out, and the average circulation per user was 2.29. *Unabridged* enables blind, visually impaired and physically challenged people registered in the Talking Book Program through self checkout to download a narrated digital audio file of a book, then listen to it on a computer, a MP3 player, or burn the file onto compact discs. News of the pilot project has appeared in *Library Journal* and *The Union Leader* earlier this year. Response has been good. Reaction among attendees at a presentation by Talking Book Program supervisor, John Barrett, at the N.H. Association for the Blind in February was enthusiastic. Twenty patrons registered in the Talking Book Program have expressed a desire to participate. Nearly a dozen of those have been assigned library card numbers and PINS to access the *Unabridged* collection of approximately 400 fiction and nonfiction titles. Technology used in the *Unabridged* program not only removes barriers like transportation for the blind and physically disabled to libraries, it also cuts the cost of purchasing an unabridged audio book at bookstores. Analog technology continues to work well for patrons, but in the near future the range of benefits of digital talking books will enhance the listening experience for Talking Book Program readers.

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## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

### NEWS FROM

**Barrington Public Library** - All events are open to the public, we are happy to have non-residents attend programs. Please call 664-9715 to register for the events at least 3 days in advance.

April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m. Parenting Workshop: *What do you do with the mad that you feel?* A seminar provided by New Hampshire Public Television on dealing with anger in children. Activities for diffusing situations, and ways to deal with emotions will be talked about.

April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Oral History & Storytelling Workshop by Socratic Productions, Inc. Learn how to capture family stories using video, combined with photographs and audio. Interactive workshop focuses on practical step-by-step approaches to creating personal documentaries through interview, preserving photographs, and the technical aspects of such a project.

April 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:45-4:45 p.m. Higgins Armory Presents a "Knights Tale," the story of armor in the middle ages. This event is geared for all ages but will mainly appeal to middle school and up. A real suit of armor will be placed on one lucky kid! Event will be held at the Barrington Elementary School on Route 9, Barrington in the auditorium. (No registration needed).

May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m. Herbal Ways to Deal with Menopause, taught by Wendy Snow Fogg, certified herbalist.

Any questions about any of the above programs, please contact Amy Inglis, Library Director at 664-9715.

-submitted by Amy Inglis, Library Director  
Barrington Public Library, Barrington



**Hollis Social Library** - The Hollis Social Library (2 Monument Square) will be hosting an exhibit of the largest book ever printed - *Bhutan*. *Bhutan* is 5 feet high by 7 feet wide (when opened); it has been certified by Guinness World Records as the biggest book ever published. The book was conceived by Michael Hawley of MIT to generate donations for Family Planet, an organization which makes grants to improve education and other opportunities in 3rd world nations. The Hollis Social Library will be open 9:00 to 5:00 p.m. on both exhibit days, Saturday and Sunday May 14th and 15th, so as many people as possible may view the book and learn about its publication process. For more information, please go to the library's website: [www.hollis.nh.us/library](http://www.hollis.nh.us/library) or the book's website: <http://web.media.mit.edu/~mike/fp/bhutan/>.

*-submitted by Steve Russo, Director  
Hollis Social Library, Hollis*

**Lincoln Public Library** - HAPPY BIRTHDAY! LINCOLN PUBLIC LIBRARY. The Lincoln Public Library will be 100 years old on May 2, 2005. The Board of Trustees is planning to celebrate this historic event on May 14, 2005 with a presentation of a plaque for the names of the Librarians who have been custodians of the cultural wealth of the community for the past century. The vision and foresight of Mrs. Eliza Henry to establish a public library in Lincoln has endured and flourished into a wonderful community asset.

*-submitted by Carol Riley, Library Director  
Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln*

**Nashua Public Library** - The Nashua Public Library was recently selected to receive 12 documentary videos on human rights, as part of the Human Rights Video Project. The library plans to show a number of these films in its theater in conjunction with other human rights programming in September 2005.

Colleges, churches, schools, libraries, and advocacy organizations are encouraged to borrow them and use them in their own programming. To do so, call Carol Eyman at (603) 589-4610. Individual library cardholders can also borrow the videos.

Developed by National Video Resources in partnership with the American Library Association Public Programs Office, the Human Rights Video Project was created to increase public awareness of human rights issues. Major funding was provided by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

On Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m., the library will celebrate National Library Week with the opening of its new entryway and an afternoon of special events.

The new entryway includes glass doors that are handicapped accessible, easy to open, energy efficient, and quiet. It extends further on to the outdoor library plaza than previously, adding space to the area around the front desk and alleviating crowding as customers line up to check out their materials. It also allows space for some cafe tables and chairs where customers can enjoy a snack or a cup of coffee.

The afternoon's events include a concert by the Irish singing duo Shannachie; a reception for artist Leslie Lambert Redhead, whose watercolors are currently featured in the library's Image Gallery; and the Children's Room's Sunday Family Storytime.

In honor of his spring shows at the Currier Gallery of Art and the N.H. Institute of Art, painter James Aponovich will present a slideshow and survey of 30 years of his work at the library on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Aponovich, a Nashua native, has works in the permanent collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and the Nashua Public Library.

*-submitted by Carol Eyman  
Nashua Public Library, Nashua*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Former State Library Reference Librarian, David Sturges, now Director at the NH Community Technical College in Claremont is the proud father of Miles Forbes Sturges, born March 18, 2005 at 6:38 a.m., 8 lbs 11 oz., 20½ inches long. Mom Karena Sturges, Library Director at the Kearsarge Regional High School and baby Miles are doing fine. Congratulations to David and Karena.

### CIRCULATION ASSISTANT

at the Cook Memorial Library, Tamworth Village

Busy public library needs part-time staff person for 10-11 hours per week. Must be available Tuesday 2-8 and most Saturdays. Should enjoy working with adults and children. Résumé and cover letter must be received by 5:00 p.m., April 20, 2005 at Cook Memorial Library, 93 Main Street, Tamworth, N.H. 03886. Call Jay Rancourt, Library Director, 323-8510 for more information.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Susanne (Strong) Filkins**, 84, died peacefully on Thursday, March 17, 2005 in New London. She was born on January 18, 1921, in Springfield, MA, the daughter of Howard Marcus Strong and Judith Darby Strong. She grew up in the nearby town of Longmeadow, MA.

She attended Classical High School in Springfield, MA, and Colby Junior College in New London. After graduation from Colby, she worked at the Springfield (MA) Federal Land Bank, where she met her husband of 57 years, Elmer Sidney Filkins. After being married they settled in Longmeadow, MA and raised their family.

In 1974, they became residents of Georges Mill where they had spent many summers. They later moved to New London. After her children were grown, Sue returned to school to expand her education. She received her B.A. from Goddard College, Plainfield, VT, and later completed her master's degree in library science from New York State University.

Sue had a lifelong love of learning and literature, which has passed on to her family and to members of the community during her nearly 30 year career as a librarian. In 1974, she joined the staff of Tracy Memorial Library in New London as the children's librarian. From 1979 until 1987, she served as the head librarian. She continued to work in various positions at the library until 2003.

Family members include two sons, John of Manchester and Donald of New London; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jeff McLeod of Minneapolis; six grandchildren, Pat, Dan, and Emily Filkins of Goshen, Jean (Bob) Mulroy of Boston, Jennifer (Aaron) Hill of Denver, and Jeffrey McLeod, Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and a great-granddaughter, Mary Filkins Mulroy of Boston.

Donations may be made to Tracy Memorial Library, PO Box 1919, New London, N.H. 03257, or to Lake Sunapee Region Visiting Nurse Association Hospice, PO Box 2209, New London, N.H. 03257.

## IN REMEMBRANCE

**Janice Stirling (Fifield) Dawe**, 85, died Thursday, January 6, 2005 at Concord Hospital after a short illness.

She was born April 17, 1919, in Penacook, the daughter of Stuart Guy and Lillian Cora (Stirling) Fifield, and the adoptive daughter of Stuart's second wife, Naomi (Austin) Fifield. She spent her earliest years in Penacook.

She attended school in Penacook and graduated from Penacook High School in 1936. She attended Wellesley College for two years before transferring to the University of New Hampshire, from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1940.

After graduation she moved to Boston where she attended a lab school and worked as a lab technician at Boston Children's Hospital. In 1942, she joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego. After the war, she returned to Boston Children's Hospital, where she married in 1954 to Frederic Dawe.

Her family lived in Beverly, MA and then Conway, N.H. before moving to Webster in 1972. She had been active in many organizations throughout the year, including the North Shore Wellesley Club, the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of America, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Union of Webster, as a trustee of the Webster Congregational Church, as the Chair of the Trustees of the Webster Free Public Library, and as a member of the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association.

Mrs. Dawe leaves behind her devoted husband, Frederic R. Dawe of Webster, a daughter, Elizabeth St. Amand and her husband, Gerard of Enfield; their children; a son James A. Clark-Dawe and his wife, Cathryn, of Webster and their children.

Memorial services were held January 15, 2005 at the Webster Congregational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Trustees of Webster Free Public Library, 947 Battle Street, Webster, N.H. 03303.

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